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## NATIONAL DRUG POLICY BOARD

Washington, D.C. 20530

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FROM:

John C. Lawn Chairman, National Drug Intelligence Committee

SUBJECT:

NDIC Meeting on September 22

TO:

National Drug Intelligence Committee

The next meeting of the National Drug Intelligence Committee (NDIC) is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. in the DEA 12th floor Conference Room.

Both new and unfinished business are outlined in the enclosed tentative agenda. The meeting will be held at the Secret level. Clearances should be passed to Patricia Best, 633-3570 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Also enclosed is a confidential letter to Judge Webster which requests various types of assistance from the Intelligence Community (IC). Planning efforts with the IC Staff were the catalyst for this request written on behalf of the NDIC.

If you have any questions about the meeting your staff can contact Thomas G. Byrne on 633-1071.

I am looking forward to our meeting on the 22nd.

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Francis Keating, II

Mr. David Pickens

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

National Drug Intelligence Committee September 22, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. DEA 12th Floor Conference Room

- I. Welcome
- II. Policy Review of the Legal Issues Working Group Report
- III. NDIC Request for Assistance to DCI
  - IV. EPIC Update
    - V. New Business



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Honorable William H. Webster Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Cooperative activities among agencies of the Intelligence Community (IC) and the Federal law enforcement agencies continue to increase as we pursue our common mission to reduce illegal drug trafficking. Planning efforts have intensified as we seek new ways to bring our collective resources to bear on this international problem. Our staffs have exchanged correspondence and met to discuss ways in which the IC could be effective in antidrug efforts. Most recently Colonel Special Assistant to the Director, IC Staff,

outlined to Thomas Byrne, Chairman of the National Drug Intelligence Committee Working Group, some IC initiatives that can be considered for counternarcotic support in the area of national foreign intelligence.

Some of these initiatives involve cooperative arrangements that are complex from legal, policy, and resource perspectives. I believe we should pursue them with due deliberation, and I look forward to working with you to improve our cooperative programs. In the meantime I believe there are some immediate steps that could be taken that afford the IC a greater role in drug enforcement activities.

For example, the National Drug Intelligence Committee (NDIC) adopted the enclosed "Statement of Drug Intelligence Needs." This statement of generic information useful to drug enforcement efforts should be absorbed by the HUMINT, SIGINT, and other collection requirement systems. Intensified collection and dissemination by the IC against these generic requirements would benefit our strategic and operational programs. It would lead to enhanced Counterintelligence Report (CIR) distribution which Customs and Coast Guard find to be valuable.

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As Chairman of the Policy Board's NDIC, I request that you consider these additional initiatives:

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- While the generic requirements provide a planning guide in setting collection priorities, specific drug intelligence requirements need to be formulated for various operations. The NDIC needs the expertise of the IC in the form of a drug intelligence collection manager to work with an interagency group in developing collection plans and multidiscipline collection strategies. I would set up such a group under the auspices of the NDIC if you could identify a capable leader for this assignment.

- The timely distribution of finished intelligence is often delayed by the cumbersome publication process. If the IC's publication capability and expertise were made available to the law enforcement community, more timely and professional finished intelligence could be distributed.

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- Data processing at EPIC could be improved greatly with an upgrade in hardware. The old Datapoint computers need to be replaced, but funding has not been obtained. Perhaps surplus equipment and operational intelligence application methodologies available to the IC could be transferred to EPIC to fill this critical need.
- Many of DEA's strategic intelligence units are severely understaffed. Because DEA has the primary drug data base for international trafficking organizations, I suggest we establish a program where DIA, CIA, and NSA analysts be detailed to DEA to assist in analyzing raw intelligence information reports. Analysts from our agencies working together will obtain a great deal of cross-training by sharing analytical methodologies and broadening their knowledge of international drug trafficking.

The IC has contributed substantially to the drug law enforcement effort. Your expertise and capabilities cover all aspects of the intelligence cycle from collection management and collection to analysis and distribution. We must continue to seek ways in which the capabilities of the law enforcement and intelligence communities can be combined. I hope some of the suggestions outlined above can be brought to fruition in the near future, and I look forward to examining some of the more complex issues outlined in correspondence from the IC Staff.

Sincerely,

John C. Lawn

Chairman

National Drug Intelligence Committee

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Enclosure

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